

Fiscal Services Division

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Fiscal Note

SF 309 - Department of Natural Resources Reorganization (LSB 2169 SV)
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Description

Senate File 309 creates a Department of Environmental Protection with the primary responsibility for protecting the environment and managing energy resources in Iowa. The Bill specifies a Director will be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The effective date is July 1, 2008.

Background

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was established on July 1, 1986, by combining the Conservation Commission, the Department of Water, Air, and Waste Management, the Geological Survey, and part of the Energy Policy Council. Currently, there are three Divisions within the DNR that include: Environmental Services, Conservation and Recreation, and Management Services. Management Services develops the budget, provides engineering and realty services, information and technology services, customer service, and coordinates volunteer activities.

Assumptions

- The DNR estimates there will be an increase of \$545,000 and 5.00 FTE positions for the salaries and benefits for the following:
 - Director is \$144,000 and 1.00 FTE position.
 - Deputy Director is \$142,000 and 1.00 FTE position.
 - Attorney is \$105,000 and 1.00 FTE position.
 - Accountant 3 is \$87,000 and 1.00 FTE position.
 - Human Resources Association is \$67,000 and 1.00 FTE position.
- The DNR estimates one-time expenditures of \$75,000 for FY 2009 for office reconfiguration, phone transfers, network redesigns, and other expense related to printed documents and materials.
- The DNR assumes the new Department would remain in the same location and would contract with the DNR for records management, budget and finance, information technology, and other related services.
- It is estimated that salary expenditures would increase by 5.00% each year.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of SF 309 is an increase in General Fund expenditures of \$620,000 and 5.00 FTE positions for FY 2009 and \$572,000 for FY 2010. For each year after that, there would be an increase in salary expense.

Source

Department of Natural Resources

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.
